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SUBJECT: NEPOMUCENO AND SOME OTHER DETAINEES RELEASED

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1. EMBOFF RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM MRS. NEPOMUCENO EVENING OF JUNE 22 THAT HER HUSBAND ANTONIO NEPOMUCENO HAS BEEN RELEASED AND IS PRESENTLY AT HOME. WE WERE INFORMED BY CHURCH TASK FORCE ON DETAINEES (TFD) YESTERDAY THAT NEPOMUCENO'S SEVEN DETAINED CODEFENDANTS HAVE ALSO BEEN RELEASED.

2. TFD STAFFER PROVIDED DRAFT OF LATEST "TFD UPDATE," WHICH LISTS 50 POLITICAL DETAINEES RELEASED THUS FAR IN JUNE, NOT COUNTING NEPOMUCENO GROUP. PROMINENT NAMES INCLUDE:

- -- THE SIX LABAN LEADERS (MANILA 9231), RELEASED JUNE 5;

- -- NELIA SANCHO, WELL-KNOWN "RED BEAUTY QUEEN," RELEASED JUNE 9;

- -- FATHER EMMANUEL NABAYRA (MANILA 10209), RELEASED

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JUNE 16;

- -- MARIO AND MELVIN CAYABYAB, MARRIED COUPLE FEATURED IN TFD'S "TORTURE INCREASING" (MANILA 10205), RELEASED JUNE 16;

- -- ALEXANDER ARELLANO, CENON ZAMBRANO AND SANTIAGO

ALONZO, CODEFENDANTS OF FATHER EDICIO DE LA TORRE (MANILA 10209) RELEASED JUNE 16. DE LA TORRE AND TWO OTHER CODEFENDANTS IN "PEOPLE VS DE LA TORRE" CASE REMAIN IN DETENTION.

3. EXCEPT FOR SIX LABAN LEADERS, TFD STAFFER HAS IMPRESSION MOST OF THESE RELEASES ARE TEMPORARY AND THAT FORMAL CHARGES REMAIN. SHE DOUBTS THEY WERE FREED AS RESULT OF THE JUNE 10 AMNESTY OF 631 PERSONS REPORTED MANILA 9761. LATEST "TFD UPDATE" ALSO REPORTS 25 "POLITICAL" ARRESTS SINCE MID-MAY, 15 OF WHICH ARE IN MANILA AREA. MURPHY

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